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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Election of claims in response to restriction begins on page 2;

Listing of the claims begins on page 3; and

Claim Status and Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5.

Note: An election and preliminary amendment was submitted on March 14, 2007. A Notice of Non-Compliant amendment was mailed by the Office on November 14, 2006. This paper is submitted in response to the Notice of non-Compliant Amendment, along with an extension of time.

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Election of Claims Subject to Restriction

In the correspondence of September 18, 2006 Examiner made a three-way restriction as follows:

Group 1: Claims 1-7
Group 2: Claims 8-14
Group 3: Claims 15-19

Applicant hereby elects Group 1 without traverse for examination in the present application.